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Protective Clothing & Equipment		
Principles of Protection		
I. Time II. Distance III. Shielding		
As with any other type of exposure, such as sunburn, the longer the individual is exposed to the hazardous material, the more likely it is that injury will occur.		

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Principles of Protection Shielding It is an absolute requirement for the I.C. to be familiar with the necessary resources to obtain information on the compatibility of various protective materials when they are placed in contact with the hazardous material.		
Protective Clothing & Equipment Shielding The purpose of personal protective clothing and equipment is to shield or isolate individuals from the different forms of harm that may be encountered at a work site.		
Protective Clothing & Equipment Shielding No one type or combination of personal protective equipment (PPE) can provide a sufficient barrier against all hazards likely to be encountered.		

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Principles of Protection Shielding Shielding is generally thought of as a wall or possibly a lead shield. In the context of hazardous materials it also refers to the protective clothing worn by the worker.		
Principles of Protection Shielding It should never be assumed that protective clothing materials will provide protection regardless of the hazardous material involved.		
Respiratory Protection The respiratory system is the primary route for chemical exposures in the work place.		

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Respirator Selection Guidelines for HazMat First Responders: SCBA recommended. SAR's have limited application APR's not recommended during emergency operations! Physical Requirements The use of respirators places a strain on the wearer's cardiovascular system. Claustrophobic people may not be able to wear respirators.		
Physical Requirements OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 requires a medical exam prior to wearing a respirator for work.		

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Protective Clothing Structural Firefighting Limitations: • It can absorb chemicals readily. • It offers no protection against chemical permeation or degradation. • Subject to failure when exposed to chemicals. Not designed for use in chemical emergencies		
Protective Clothing Structural Firefighting Limitations: • Can cause chronic exposure if not properly decontaminated. • May not be able to be fully decontaminated. Not designed for use in chemical emergencies		
Protective Clothing High-temperature Specialized high-temperature clothing is designed to provide protection against brief radiant heat exposures in temperatures as high as 2,000° Fahrenheit. Not designed for use in chemical emergencies		

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Protective Clothing Chemical Protective		
Construction materials: • Neoprene • Tyvek TM • PVC • Saranex TM • CPE • Chemrel TM • butyl • nitrile Not designed for use in flammable atmospheres		
Protective Clothing Chemical Protective		
Fabric limitations: • PVA is soluble in water • neoprene reacts with acids • viton reacts with some hydrocarbons • duct tape reacts with oxidizers Not designed for use in flammable atmospheres		
Protective Clothing Fully-encapsulating Suits One-piece garments which provide chemical protection for the entire body.		
Boots and gloves may be an integral part of the suit, attached yet replaceable, or separate. Suit requires the use of an SCBA or SAR. All components are integrated to provide sealed "microenvironment."		

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Protective Clothing Non-encapsulating Suits Commonly consist of a two- piece or a one-piece coverall. They are frequently used when gas-tight body protection is not required. Provide excellent protection against splashes, dust, and other materials which cannot migrate between the overlaps of the various layers. Note: velcro bands		
Protective Clothing Limitations of PPE PPE is a necessity for all hazardous materials work. While PPE affords the worker protection from the chemical hazards in the work site, it may also increase the risk of other hazards.		
Protective Clothing Limitations: induces thermal stress Heat-related illness is the major problem associated with protective clothing usage. Heat-related illnesses may include heat rash, heat cramps, heat stress, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.		

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Pre-decontamination Phase Supply the Decon Corridor Protect the ground Prior to equipping the decontamination area, protect the ground surface where you will be working: Lay down plastic sheeting or salvage covers. Note: Compatibility of materials is essential. Wood may absorb some substances while dirt may react with others.		
Pre-decontamination Phase Supply the Decon Corridor You can also lay the ground cover over a frame of wood timbers and brackets. Remember: The ground cover is laid down to stop water used for decon from saturating the soil or pavement. If plastic is to be used, ensure a minimum thickness of at least 6 mil (0.006") to prevent the material from tearing or perforating too easily.		
Pre-decontamination Phase Supply the Decon Corridor Water can also be taken from a hydrant and distributed through a manifold system to garden hoses.		

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Pre-decontamination Phase Supply the Decon Corridor • Chairs • Trash barrels to contain contaminated disposable and salvageable items to be further decontaminated later.		
Pre-decontamination Phase Supply the Decon Corridor Provide for water containment Water used to decon personnel and equipment must be contained within the perimeter of the decontamination corridor. The methods for containing the runoff water will depend upon resources available at the scene - or accessible within a short time.		
Pre-decontamination Phase Supply the Decon Corridor Children's inflatable wading pools require prior purchase during planning stages, but they are easy to store and very effective at containing runoff water. A defect or damage that has occurred during storage or transport may render them inoperable, however.		

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Decontamination Phase Priorities Priorities for establishing and conducting decontamination:		
a. People b. Environment c. Property/Equipment		
Decontamination Phase Priorities • protect decon team first • decontaminate patients before treating them • emergency decontamination takes priority over modesty and weather exposure		
"Emergency Decontamination" should always be performed after protective clothing and breathing apparatus are donned by the personnel who will conduct decontamination.		

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Always decontaminate patients before treating them. This is the same principle as delaying attending to the injured to save the lives of many others.		
Decontamination Phase Priorities Providing modesty protection for individuals being decontaminated must be a high priority in all but the most extreme circumstances		
Decontamination Phase Priorities Providing modesty protection is a low priority ONLY in life-threatening situations or during true medical emergencies!		

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Decontamination Phase Procedures: Level 1 Field Decon Move the person away from the initial flush area and remove protective clothing and breathing apparatus. When removing protective clothing and breathing apparatus following the flush, remove the respirator face piece last.		
Decontamination Phase Procedures: Level 2 Field Decon Level 2 decontamination provides the same flushing off of the individual, followed by a systematic removal of protective clothing and breathing apparatus. It is intended for those who may have a breach of the suit, but no skin irritation etc.		
Decontamination Phase Procedures: Level 2 Field Decon The contaminated person should be positioned where runoff water will be contained. Flush the person off with a fog spray for one full minute.		

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Post-decontamination Phase Procedures for the Decon Team Personnel conducting decontamination are to decontaminate themselves prior to leaving the decon area. The Decon Team should use the level of decontamination equal to their level of exposure.		
Post-decontamination Phase Procedures for Clean-up Individuals responsible for decon procedures need to ensure that the decon area itself is properly decontaminated to prevent or at least minimize harm to the environment.		
Rescue & Decon of Victims Considerations Guidelines Know your limitations Use proper equipment Decontaminate victims		

Slides **Primary Course Information Instructor Activity/Information Medical Transport** Criteria for transport direct skin contact with a hazardous material a respiratory exposure to a chemical **Notification of Facility Before transporting** chemical exposure patients to a medical facility, the facility should be notified of the exposure. Decon of Clothing, Apparatus & Equipment Procedures Runoff water considerations